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In Re Application of:

COIT et al.

Serial No.: 09/721,479

Art Unit: 1648

Filing Date: November 22, 2000

Examiner: S. Brown

Title: NOVEL HCV NON-STRUCTURAL POLYPEPTIDE

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2002. Submitted herewith is a petition of a one-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before June 25, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.